

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Agricultural Production in Eastern Region

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is giving priority to develop agriculture sector in resource rich eastern regions of the country including Assam;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the funds allocated and utilised for the purpose under various schemes during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has introduced 'Second Green Revolution' to boost agricultural production and productivity in Assam and eastern regions of the country and if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated, released and utilised for the purpose during the said period, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether there has been a marked improvement in the agricultural production and productivity since introduction of Second Green Revolution in the said regions and if so, the details thereof, State and crop-wise along with the number of farmers benefited thereunder, so far;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to promote multi/double cropping pattern to prevent crops from pest attack in various parts of the country including Assam and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for sustainable growth of farm sector and food security in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): Yes, Government is implementing various programmes such as National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI), a sub-scheme of RKVY, Mission on Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), National Mission on Oilseed and Oil Palm (NMOOP) etc. to develop agriculture sector in resource rich eastern regions of the country including Assam.

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(b): The State-wise details of funds allocated and released under various programmes during the last three years and current year is given at Annexure-I.

(c): Government is implementing BGREI in eastern region of country including Assam with objective to address the constraints limiting productivity of rice based cropping systems. The state-wise and year-wise allocation and release of funds from 2010-11 to 2016-17 are given in Annexure-II.

(d): The details of state-wise production and productivity of rice from 2010-11 to 2015-16 are given in Annexure-III.

Farmers are benefited under various interventions like cluster demonstration, production and distribution of rice and wheat, need-based inputs such as nutrient management and soil ameliorants, plant protection measures, cropping system based training, farm implements, irrigation devices, site specific interventions and marketing support etc.

(e): Cropping system approach is being promoted to bring rabi fallow areas under cultivation to increase cropping intensity.

(f): Government is implementing various programmes such as NFSM, BGREI, RKVY, MIDH, PKVY, National Mission on Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA), Soil Health Card Scheme, Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana etc. for sustainable growth of farm sector and food security in the country.

